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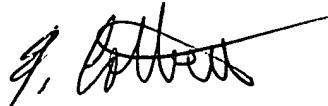
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The amendment filed on 06 January 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the Applicant's reply does not comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.111 because it does not include arguments pointing out specific distinctions believed to render the added new claim(s) 40-47 are patentable over the applied reference (US 5,978,456 Takeuchi et al.). See 37 C.F.R. 1.111. Since the above- mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, Applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRITY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period maybe granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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